



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held September 9, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Interim Director of Health Services' attached revised recommendation to approve and instruct the Interim Director of Health Services to execute amendment to agreement with Fortino Castaneda, M.D. Inc., to extend the term of contract on a month-to-month basis for four months for the continued provision of radiology and teleradiology services at various Department facilities, at a total maximum obligation of \$486,000, effective September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, pending completion of the solicitation document that was released on September 3, 2008.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"As a member of this Board, I am also a member of the Governing Body that provides oversight over the operation of our County's hospitals and safety net system of care. My colleagues and I have a responsibility to make decisions that directly impact the health of all of the people in Los Angeles County. It is a responsibility each of us takes very seriously. Whether it be through decisions about the budget, the administration of the Department of Health Services or the adequacy of corrective action plans, I can only make my decisions based on the information that I receive from the Department of Health Services.

"Yet, time and time again this Department has failed to provide this Board with honest and reliable information. They have failed to provide honest information regarding everything from the status of problematic contract doctors tied to CMS citations, to the administration, staffing and competency and training status at MLK, to clinical corrective action plans, to internal investigations, and on and on.

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"I cannot advocate for my constituents with a Department that continues to misrepresent, mislead and misinform this Board. The Board of Supervisors must institute an independent review function, because despite repeated direction, investigations and interventions by this Board, the Department, and its management and leadership, refuses to change. I do not have the answers, but I know that this County has many excellent models for providing administrative accountability and transparency. This Board of Supervisors, as the governing board of our hospitals and clinics, cannot continue to operate in this manner."

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion to approve the Interim Director of Health Services' recommendation; and to instruct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board at its September 23, 2008 Board meeting as a set item on various options for creating an independent review entity or contractor (for example, similar to the work performed by Mr. Merrick Bobb) which or who would be tasked with investigating and making recommendations to this Board related to all aspects of the administration, operations and functions of the Department of Health Services.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion to amend Supervisor Molina's motion to set the report back for the Board meeting of September 16, 2008. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

Further, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion to amend Supervisor Molina's motion to include with the report a status of hiring a new Director of Health Services and the creation of a Health Authority, as well as discuss the Acting Auditor-Controller's report on King-Harbor Hospital. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Interim Director of Health Services' recommendation; and
2. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on September 16, 2008 as a set item on the following:
  - Various options for creating an independent review entity or contractor (for example, similar to the work performed by Mr. Merrick Bobb) which or who would be tasked with investigating and making recommendations to this Board related to all aspects of the administration, operations and functions of the Department of Health Services;

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- A status of hiring a new Director of Health Services and the creation of a Health Authority; and
- Findings identified in the Acting Auditor-Controller's report on King-Harbor Hospital.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Interim Director of Health Services  
Auditor-Controller